

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 3271 - SB 3382**

March 11, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes a one-time award of 30 days sentence credit for an inmate's successful completion of a general equivalency diploma (GED) or a therapeutic community program.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Decrease State Expenditures - \$540,500**

##### Assumptions:

- During FY04/05, 528 inmates received their GED's and 177 completed a therapeutic community program. Sixty percent (423) would receive sentence credits to reduce actual time served (705 offenders x 60%).
- The reduction in expenditures would be reflected in the cost to the Department to house State felons in county jails. When offenders are released from prison, those inmates are replaced with state felons from the county jails. The housing per diem for the county jails for FY 2005-2006 is \$42.59. This per diem has varied between \$40.64 and \$45.25 during FY 1999 – 2005, with a peak of \$45.25 in FY 2001-2002. Due to this variation, the per diem in this estimate has not been adjusted for inflation.
- 423 inmates would receive the one-time 30 day sentence credit and would decrease state expenditures by \$540,467 (423 inmates x 30 = 12,690 days x \$42.59).

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director